



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5910

by Rep. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

- 35 ILCS 200/1-160 new
- 35 ILCS 200/Art. 31.5 heading new
- 35 ILCS 200/31.5-1 new
- 35 ILCS 200/31.5-10 new
- 35 ILCS 200/31.5-20 new
- 35 ILCS 200/31.5-25 new

Amends the Property Tax Code. Defines special government agencies as office of the chief county assessment officer, the county board of review, the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, and the Department of Revenue. Adds a new Article concerning property tax ethics. Contains prohibitions against contributions from communicating taxpayers, contributions from benefited taxpayers, and contributions among special government agencies. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning an ethical assessment process.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding
5 Section 1-160 and Article 31.5 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/1-160 new)

7 Sec. 1-160. Special government agencies. The office of the
8 chief county assessment officer, the county board of review,
9 the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, and the Department of
10 Revenue.

11 (35 ILCS 200/Art. 31.5 heading new)

12 ARTICLE 31.5. Ethical Provisions

13 (35 ILCS 200/31.5-1 new)

14 Sec. 31.5-1. Applicability. This Article 31.5 applies in
15 all counties.

16 (35 ILCS 200/31.5-10 new)

17 Sec. 31.5-10. Prohibition against contributions from
18 communicating taxpayers. A special government agency head or
19 employee is prohibited from receiving any contributions or
20 gifts from any taxpayer, taxpayer employee, property manager,

1 or developer with whom the special government agency head or
2 employee initiated communications regarding that taxpayer's
3 property within 2 years before or after the re-assessment date
4 for that property. Any such communications initiated or
5 received by the special government agency head or employee must
6 be duly memorialized and made part of the property's records,
7 and shall be immediately reported to the county ethics officer.

8 (35 ILCS 200/31.5-20 new)

9 Sec. 31.5-20. Prohibition against contributions from
10 benefited taxpayers. Contributions or gifts from a taxpayer to
11 special government agency heads or employees are prohibited if
12 that particular taxpayer received an assessment adjustment
13 based on his or her own personal communications with a special
14 government agency head or employee.

15 (35 ILCS 200/31.5-25 new)

16 Sec. 31.5-25. Prohibition against contributions among
17 special government agencies. The giving or solicitation of
18 contributions or gifts between or among heads or employees of
19 different special government agencies is prohibited. The
20 transferring of campaign contributions made in support of any
21 special government agency or any campaign contributions made in
22 support of or to any special government agency elected
23 officials or candidates for office are prohibited from being
24 transferred to the campaigns of candidates for a different

1 special government agency.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.